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Letter dated 10 May 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to notify you that concerning the "Declaration of the representatives of the people of the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Montenegro" of 27 April 1992 on the establishment of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the Republic of Albania is not yet in a position to recognize "The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia" as the heir to "the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia" because this was enunciated illegally only by a part of the former Assembly of the ex-Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and did not take into consideration the will of all parties concerned. Such a decision ignores the right of the peoples to self-determination, as is the case of the Albanian population, and constitutes an undeniable violation of international law and the relevant provisions of the documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. It is the opinion of the Government of Albania that the decision to reshuffle a new Yugoslavia is an endeavour to legalize the state of emergency and the martial law which are still in place in Kosovo and have been for quite a long time now and to have a legal excuse for a new military conflict in Kosovo, right after the one in Bosnia-Herzegovina. By the same token, it intends to let Serbia and the Serb-led Yugoslav army pass unscathed for the human losses and the incalculable damage that they perpetrated in the former Yugoslav republics.

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Moreover, the Government of Albania considers that decision an outright denial of the declarations and conclusions of international bodies and organizations, including the 15 April 1992 Declaration of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe on those held responsible for the Yugoslav crisis and for that in Bosnia-Herzegovina in particular.

With regard to membership in international forums, the United Nations, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and so on, of a common State created by Serbia and Montenegro alone, the Government of Albania holds the view that the same procedure should be followed as is the case with the other new States that emerged from the disintegration of the former Yugoslavia. Also the settlement of the question of continuity should be based upon the agreement of all successor States of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

On this occasion, the Government of Albania appeals to the European Economic Community and the United Nations to take into account during the talks on the question of the continuity of the former Yugoslavia the free will of the Albanian people, the third largest population group in the former Yugoslavia, after the Serbs and the Croats, legitimately expressed through the referendum on their independence from Serbia.

I would very much appreciate it if you would have the text of the present letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 69 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sokol NEÇAJ
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